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SUBJ: GCOB ABOLISHES COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCE TARIFF

1. IN CONTEXT OF BUDGET PRESENTATION NOVEMBER 26
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HANNA ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMONWEALTH
TARIFF PREFERENCE HAD BEEN ABOLISHED THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

2. UNDER LOME AGREEMENT GCOB WOULD HAVE BEEN OBLIGED
TO EXTEND PREFERENCE TO ALL SIGNATORIES OF THE CONVENTION.
SINCE 54 PERCENT OF ALL REVENUES COME FROM TARIFF DUTIES
(66 PERCENT OF TAX REVENUES) THEY SIMPLY COULD NOT HAVE AFFORDED
THIS LARGESSE. HANNA ESTIMATES THAT APPROXIMATELY \$4
MILLION IN ADDITIONAL REVENUES WILL BE EARNED FROM
ABOLISHING THE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF DEPENDING ON THE
ELASTICITY OR INELASTICITY OF DEMAND.

3. ABOLISHING TARIFF SHOULD INCREASE US MARKET SHARE OF
AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS, CHINA AND CRYSTAL IN PARTICULAR. LOCAL
MERCHANTS ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE MOVE BECAUSE
THEIR TOURIST TRADE IS LARGELY BASED ON ENGLISH GOODS
ESPECIALLY CHINA AND CRYSTAL WHICH HAVE BEEN
CHEAPER IN THE BAHAMAS THAN IN THE UNITED STATES.

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4. SEPARATE AIRGRAM FOLLOWS ON BUDGET.

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